



USDA AMS Weekly Shell Egg Demand Indicator

(Calculated estimate of demand for shell eggs based on current production and on inventory clearance rate.)

May 26, 2021

The Shell Egg Demand Indicator for this week is -7.50, up 1.3 points from last week.

This Week:

Demand for shell eggs continued to improve over the past week as an active retail promotional cycle provided some incentive to stimulate consumer buying. Wholesale prices for cartoned eggs are steady with light to moderate offerings and moderate supplies. Trading is slow to moderate. Prices on the loose egg market are firm with light to moderate offerings and mixed interest. Supply is moderate and trading is slow. Wholesale breaking stock prices are fully steady with mostly moderate offerings and supplies. Interest continues moderate to good demand while trading is moderate to active. The preliminary survey of retail outlets indicates increased a sharp decline from last week's active pace. The average ad price bounced back as promotions ended.

Current U.S. Productive Table Egg Layer Flock -

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| U.S. table egg layer flock | 315,729,851 | (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) |
| Percentage flock in molt | 2.5% | (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) |
| Productive table egg layer flock | 307,826,730 | (total flock - (total flock * molt)) |

Current Table Egg Production for In-Shell Use -

(shell egg production less shell eggs for breaking stock)

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| Table egg layer rate | 82.0% | (derived from NASS Monthly Chicken & Eggs report) |
| Total egg production | 252,362,370 | (total productive flock * lay rate) |
| Total eggs into breaking stock | 75,207,394 | (29.80% of daily shell egg production to breakers) |
| Table eggs for in-shell use | 177,154,976 | (egg production * (100% - % to breaking stock)) |
| Table eggs for in-shell use (in cases) | 492,097 | (eggs for table use ÷ 360 eggs per case) |

Current Days of Shell Eggs on Hand for Marketing -

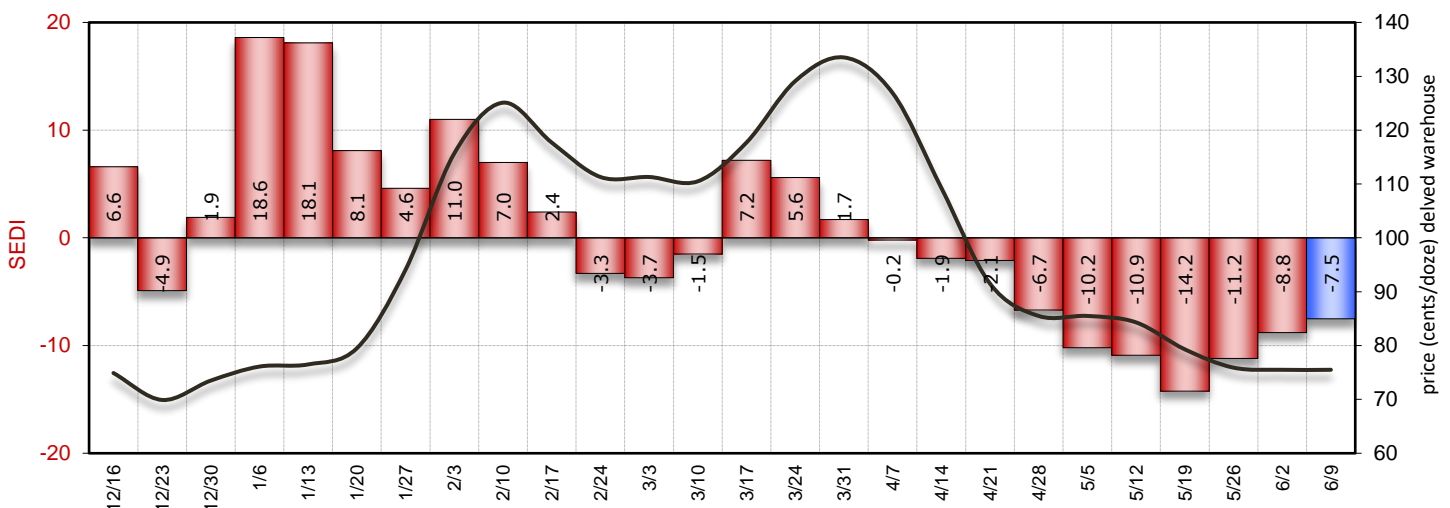
(shell egg inventory cases ÷ shell egg cases per day)

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| USDA shell egg inventory | 1,609,000 | 30-dozen cases (from <i>USDA Weekly Shell Egg Inventory</i> report) |
| Inventory cooperators % of U.S. flock | 63.0% | (shell egg inventory cooperators control 63% of productive flock) |
| Shell egg cases produced each day | 310,021 | (produced by inventory cooperators' flocks (daily production * 63%)) (775,053 cases expected weekend (2.5 days) carryover) |
| 26-week rolling average of days on hand | 4.80 | (average of the last 26 week's days of eggs on hand) |
| Days of shell eggs on hand for marketing | 5.19 | (inventory ÷ cases produced per day) |

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-7.50 ((26-week average ÷ current days on hand) - 1) * 100

Shell Egg Demand Indicator vs. USDA Midwest Large Cartoned Shell Egg



Sources: [USDA NASS Monthly Chicken and Eggs \(pec-bb\); Layers and Eggs: Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced by Type](#)
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; SHELL EGGS: Weekly Shell Egg Inventory \(Mon\)](#)
[USDA AMS Livestock, Poultry and Grain Market News; PROCESSED EGGS: Weekly Eggs Processed Under Federal Inspection \(Wed\)](#)

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